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transforming lives  
and communities

# Short-Term Missions

COME, TRAVEL WITH US THIS SUMMER AND SHARE YOUR FAITH!

# Short-term Missions

Short-term missions offers you missions opportunities and training varying in length from one week to six months. Throughout the year OM hosts 250 outreaches in 50 countries all over the globe. Do you want to learn to be a follower of Jesus? Do you want to participate in the Great Commission? Come along and experience it for yourself!

You can join as part of a group but also as an individual.  
OM works with international teams; thus, you will never feel alone.  
In this brochure you will find some of the many opportunities.





# How do I go on a missions trip with Operation Mobilisation?

What is involved in joining a short-term outreach? Do you have an idea of what you would like to do, or are you open to different possibilities? Are you planning to come with a group or on your own?

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Have you already found an outreach that suits you? Please fill in the online application form (in English). When we receive your application, a member of the short-term team will contact you and help you through the process.

After we receive feedback from your references we will forward your application to the OM office in the country where you plan to do the

short-term outreach. We will also contact your church, as your church is responsible for sending you out on this missions trip. After you are accepted, we will send you a handbook, and you can book your flight. You may also need a visa, vaccinations and medical insurance to join an outreach in some countries. Before you set out, OM will hold a training to equip you for the trip.

## **ORIENTATION MEETING**

If you want to join a short-term outreach for longer than one month, or you are not sure about what you would like to do or for how long, we would love to meet with you. Working with you, we can help you solidify your thoughts and look for a suitable placement within OM.



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## Hiking through Nepal

Hike on foot through the Himalayas, distribute Christian literature and show films to those who have never heard the Gospel before. Spend a day with Tibetan Buddhists and learn more about the work that members of the OM team are doing in Nepal.



3 WEEKS



NEPAL

“This journey has had an impact on my faith and my social and cultural development. My vision has widened, and I hope that in the Netherlands I can also be more open to any differences.”

**KLARISKA**





# Working together in South Africa

Do you want to catch a glimpse of missionary work, discover new places and meet people from other cultures? Support the church in South Africa and join a few hundred people on a journey to help those who need help.



2 WEEKS



SOUTH AFRICA



# Sharing your faith in Israel

This country, with its diverse population, will challenge you in your faith! You will learn to share your faith with Jewish people, those who speak Arabic and with tourists from around the world. You will work closely with long-term workers.



2-4 WEEKS



ISRAEL





# Discovering the Arabian Peninsula

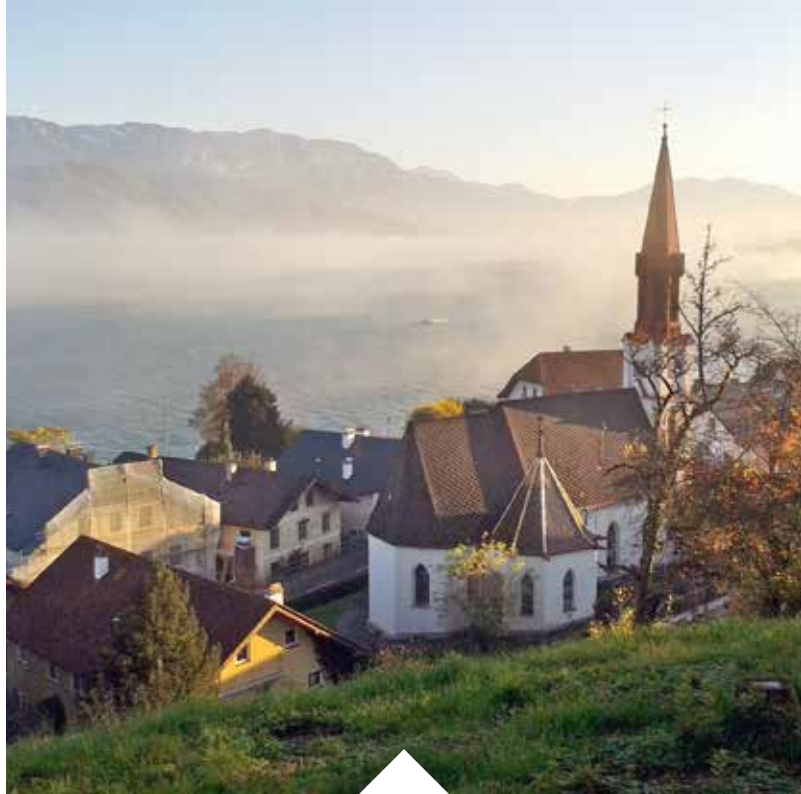
Are you willing to grow in faith and apply it practically? Participate in locally held training days to become prepared. Then work alongside long-term workers for 2.5 weeks in their local ministry. Experience for yourself what it's like to live and work in the Middle East.



3 WEEKS



ARAB PENINSULA



"I learnt more about the Arab world, and my views have changed. It is amazing to see how God is at work in these countries. The hospitality of the people and the mutual interest is amazing."

**NIENKE**



# Reaching Muslims in Switzerland

Tens of thousands of Arabs from the Middle East spend their holidays in Europe: a unique opportunity! Receive training, work with translators, share the love of Jesus and show films. Bring hope to people from a Muslim background who may never hear about Jesus in their home country.



1-2 WEEKS



SWITZERLAND

# Outreach options after Transform

Transform involves a week of training, followed by an outreach in a country on the Mediterranean Sea. The countries surrounding the Mediterranean comprise an area with over 450 million inhabitants in 21 countries.

Christianity originated in this area! Yet nowadays many people living there do not know Jesus or what He's done for them. You can be the person to share the Gospel with them.

*More options and current costs:*

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## Surfing in Portugal

Portugal is known for it's fantastic surfing opportunities with yearly international competitions. Go to the beach and mingle with other surfers. Will you share your testimony of faith while floating on your surfboard?



2-3 WEEKS



PORTUGAL



# Dancing in Malta

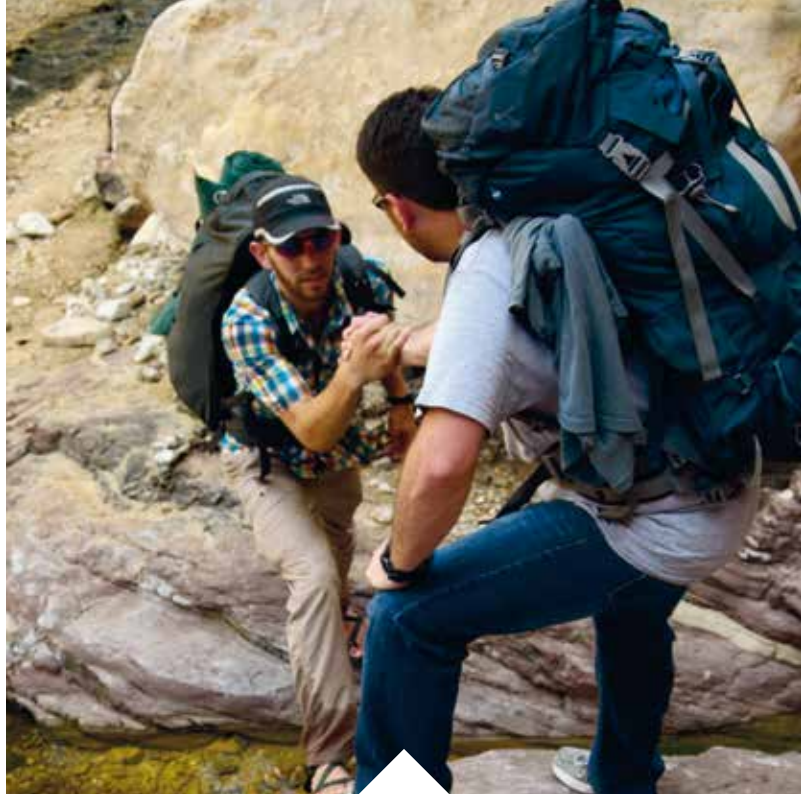
Do you have a heart for prayer and worship, and do you want to express your love for Jesus through dance and music? Help develop open-air performances and engage with those in the audience who are interested to learn more.



2-3 WEEKS



MALTA



# Hiking in Kosovo

Do you enjoy hiking? As part of the Trekking Team, you will hike together to areas in western Kosovo where the Gospel is not well known. Travel from village to village and share the Gospel with Muslim families.



2-3 WEEKS



KOSOVO



# Travel options for the adventurous at heart

Are you adventurous, or do you enjoy travelling, sports or art? Do you want to explore more of the world?

Do you want to work in an international team, and are you open to learning from other cultures? Are you someone who loves a challenge? Do you want to share the message of Christ with those you meet?

Do you dare accept one of these challenges?

*More options and current costs:*

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## Going deeper in Africa

For three months, journey through countries in southern Africa and work alongside OM workers as they serve people in their local areas. Deepen your faith while you reach out to people in villages and serve churches in countries like Namibia, Mozambique and South Africa.



3 MONTHS



SOUTHERN PART OF AFRICA



# Taking a STEP with Logos Hope

Sail with us for three months on board OM's ship Logos Hope. You will work in different departments on board and work alongside the ship's staff. You will participate in the study programme and in the evangelism outreaches on the ship and on shore.



3 MONTHS



WORLDWIDE



# Travelling through Europe

Receive training to reach out to people of different cultures and set off with a team in a transit van on a six-month tour of Europe. Experience different cultures and make friends while you work with OM teams and local churches to make Christ known.



5-6 MONTHS



EUROPE



# Travel options for families

Looking for a mission trip that is suitable for the whole family? Do you want your children to meet kids from another culture?

OM is often described as being a family, and we warmly welcome children. The following options in Eastern Europe are particularly suitable for families with (young) children.

During these trips your kids will become part of the programme!

*More options and current costs:*

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## Riding through Moldova

Go on an adventure in Moldova with horse and cart from village to village. In the meantime you can enjoy the beautiful countryside. You will visit churches and encourage small groups of believers. At times, you will organise programmes for the youth and children in the villages. You will stay in the homes of local people and/or in tents.



2 WEEKS



MOLDOVA







"My most special experience was giving out Bibles. The next evening on the beach we saw a child reading to his parents from the Bible. I saw God at work in the hearts of children."

THE KOOBS FAMILY



## Montenegro Kids' Club on the Beach

You will stay at the edge of a forest, about a 15-minute walk from the beach. Every day 20-50 kids will come to the beach and take part in a kids' club. You will help with the games, songs, crafts and drama and teach the children about our great God.



2 WEEKS



MONTENEGRO

### Special note for families:

*If your children are old enough they can participate in the programme that has been organised. If you agree, other team members can also look after the children for a day. However, the OM team will assume that one of the parents is always available for the children.*

# Travelling with a youth group

You can join OM with a group for an organised short-term outreach. These outreaches develop from the long-term OM work happening in the country. As a group, you will come alongside the OM team and local churches to share your faith with others and serve in practical ways.

Spending two or three weeks on a missions adventure can positively affect a participant and the group as a whole. Therefore, OM supports the group leader every step of way until the group returns home. This support includes a presentation evening and a training day beforehand, along with a party afterward. The preparation ensures that the group is well equipped to share their experiences with others.





# Checklist for groups

Here is a checklist that includes all of the necessary steps you need to complete before setting out as a group. A member of the OM short-term team will help support you every step of the way.

## BEFORE DECEMBER

- Youth leaders: Find out if the youth in your church are interested in going on a group missions trip.
- Youth leaders: Is the leadership of your church supportive? Can the congregation send out the youth group on a missions trip?
- Youth leaders and OM: Find out which OM ministry in what country would be suitable. Decide when you would go and for how long.

## JANUARY

- Youth leaders: Present the plans to the youth group and church. Mobilise the youth.
- Youth group: Brainstorm possible fundraising projects to collect money. Divide the jobs amongst the group.

## FEBRUARY

- Youth group: Start fundraising and complete the online application form.
- Youth leaders: Present the plan to the congregation.

## MARCH/APRIL

- Youth group: Hold fundraising activities.
- Youth leaders: Discuss payment with OM. Will every participant pay individually, or will you pay as a group? Is there a minimum amount each person must pay?
- OM: Host a preparation evening.
- Book travel tickets.

## MAY/ JUNE

- Youth group: Do final fundraising.
- OM: Host a training day. Cover topics including an overview of OM, country facts, cultural differences. Learn to share your testimony and the Gospel. OM will give you information regarding travel and accommodation.
- Youth group: Make the final payment.

## JULY/AUGUST

- Have a great trip!

## SEPTEMBER

- Youth group/OM: Celebrate your trip and share stories at the after party!





## Games for kids in Romania

A week of kids' games is packed with fun activities, sporting events and lessons from the Bible. For you, it will be an opportunity to have fun with the children and show God's love to many who are underprivileged and often rejected by their families.



2 WEEKS



ROMANIA

"This journey has shown me that God wants to use everyone. He can use me to help meet the needs around me, however big or small. Often these are closer than you think."

**HENDRINA**





# Rafting rivers in Moldova

On the first day you will build your own raft with oil barrels and wooden boards. You will then paddle on the Nistru River in eastern Moldova for 10 days. In the villages you encounter along the way, you will organise youth camps, including games, songs and Bible stories, and also provide practical help. Every night you will camp in tents along the river.



2 WEEKS



MOLDOVA



# Sharing the Gospel in Ireland

Your group will receive training in creative evangelism at OM's base in Ireland, Lacken House. After the training, you will travel around Ireland, working alongside Christians from around the world and in the local church to share the Gospel in word and deed with people who do not yet know Jesus.



2 WEEKS



IRELAND



# Group travels in Asia

Asia contains two of the most densely populated countries in the world (China and India). Hinduism and Buddhism originate here. The biggest Muslim country in the world, Indonesia, is also found here. But this region of the world is also home to tens of millions of Christians in China and hosts the biggest non-Western country sending out missionaries: South Korea.

Many of our short-term outreach options begin with a conference in Malaysia or Taiwan, where you will make new friends from around the world and learn about the needs in Asia.

*More options and current costs:*

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## Providing aid in the Philippines

Stand up for the downtrodden, become a friend to the poor and reach out to the youth. Through practical work, you will come alongside teams in Cebu to provide help to the community.



2-3 WEEKS



PHILIPPINES



# Backpacking in Laos

Join us on a journey to one of the world's few-remaining communist countries. Be a witness to those who have never heard of Jesus as you trek through the interior of Laos. Visit local Christians who are persecuted for their faith and listen to their stories.



2-3 WEEKS



LAOS



# Reaching others in Thailand

The adventure begins with a conference in Malaysia, followed by a 10-day outreach. You will be involved with projects in schools, churches and slums. Travel through Thailand, learn about the culture and see what God is doing in this mostly Buddhist country in Asia.



2-3 WEEKS



THAILAND

# Group travels: Teens in Mission

With Teens in Mission (TiM) we challenge groups of teenagers to help others in their own country and abroad.

The organised trips are designed for teens to use their gifts and talents to support others, and in doing so reveal God's love in word and deed. The groups consist of a minimum of four participants.

Share hope, make friends from other countries and be part of a life-changing outreach!

*More options and current costs:*

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"I learnt I am not alone in this, and that it is quite fun to be active for God! I made new friends and dare to use my gifts and talents for God and for others."

**ANDREA**





# Teens in Mission: Moldova

Will you take the challenge to demonstrate God's love in a country with great poverty, where people often live in homes without showers, toilets or heating? Show God's love through sports, games, repairing homes and distributing food.



1-2 WEEKS



MOLDOVA



# Teens in Mission: Netherlands

Every year TiM organises a four- to five-day event where teens experience what it is like to demonstrate Christ's love in daily life. For example, participate in a workshop about graffiti art and then, gaining your inspiration from God, paint (legally planned) in the city the next day!



4-5 DAYS



NETHERLANDS



# Frequently asked questions

Are you full of questions? Often a short-term mission trip is a great opportunity to trust God!

Here you'll find answers to a few frequently asked questions:

***How old do I need to be?***

The minimum age is 18 years old.

***Do I need to have previous experience?***

No. The short-term outreaches are designed to introduce you to missions work.

***How fluent do I have to be in English?***

We expect you to be able to express yourself in English.

***Do I have to be a Christian?***

Yes. You need to be an active and convinced Christian for at least one year.

*More answers are found on our website!*

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# Long-term options

Do you want to serve long-term with Operation Mobilisation? Would you like to learn about the process of joining as a long-term worker? Have you thought about what you want to do or are you open to the possibilities?

## ORIENTATION

If you are considering serving in missions with OM for longer than one month, we would like to meet with you. Working together, we can help you solidify your thoughts and look for a suitable placement within OM.

## PREPARATION

In a following meeting, we will prepare you for placement in OM. For instance, we will help you set up a team to raise support. We will also be in touch with your church, as it is your church that will send you into missions. Before you leave for the mission field, we will provide a training to help you prepare.

## DESTINATION

Those joining OM for longer than six months will start in either January or August with a 10-day international conference. From there, you will go to your country of destination.



## NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Unsure about whether you want to serve for a short or longer period of time? Do not hesitate to contact us.

**We would love to help you!**

“Go, then, to all peoples everywhere  
and make them my disciples...”

MATTHEW 28:19A (GNT)

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GIVE  
GO

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